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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 15 July 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Suenaga (Japanese Patent No. JP 20011299881) and Bigelow (U.S. Patent No. 6,500,387).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant provided a proposed amendment concerning the shape of the shield and the height with respect to the monolith height. The proposed amendment included the shield having a planar portion and the height of the shield being less than the height of the monolith. The Examiner indicated that the newly proposed amendment would appear to overcome the rejection as set forth, however further consideration and/or search is necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Elizabeth L. McKane/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1797

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